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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. ON THE SURFACE, BEIJING TODAY ALMOST SEEMED TO BE RETURNING TO NORMALITY: THE TANKS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS, ROAD TRAFFIC WAS

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RESUMED IN THE AFTERNOON, THE DIPLOMATIC GASOLINE STATION REOPENED, TAXI SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE ONCE AGAIN, WE HEARD VERY FEW WARNING SHOTS FIRED BY NERVOUS SOLDIERS, AND THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL. BUT THE NORMALITY WAS DECEPTIVE. BENEATH THE SUPERPICIAL CALM, THE SECURITY FORCES WERE PICKING UP DISSIDENTS AND OUT-SPOKEN REFORMERS -- PICKING UP THREE THAT WE KNOW OF. THE ARRESTS PROBABLY BEGAN SEVERAL DAYS AGO. AT LEAST ONE LEADING DISSIDENT DID MANAGE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY TODAY, BUT OTHERS HAVE "DISAPPEARED" OR THEIR FATE IS UNKNOWN. ON THE STREET, TENSION ALSO HAS NOT DISSIPATED SIGNIFICANTLY. BEIJING STILL HAS THE ATMOSPHERE OF AN OCCUPIED CITY, WITH HELMETED TROOPS BEARING ASSAULT WEAPONS GUARDING MAJOR INTERSECTIONS AND CHECKING SOME VEHICLES, TIANANMEN SQUARE SEALED OFF BY TROOPS, AND SOLDIERS MARCHING IN CADENCE UP AND DOWN THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE. EVEN THE CLEAN-UP WORK SERVED AS A REMINDER OF THE TRAUMA THE CITY HAS BEEN THROUGH, AS A MIXTURE OF PLA AND PUBLIC SECURITY HAULED AWAY FIRE-BOMBED VEHICLES, SWEPT AWAY TONS OF BROKEN GLASS, AND RIGHT UNDER THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND TRIED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REMOVE DISCREETLY A SOLDIER'S BODY COVERED BY A TARPAULIN. CROWDS OF PEOPLE GATHER TO STARE AT THE TROOPS WITH UNDISGUISED CONTEMPT, PEOPLE ON THE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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STREET TALK TO US ABOUT CONTINUING "PEOPLE'S WAR" AND "DEMOCRACY WALLS" CAN STILL BE FOUND, INCLUDING A BANNERS IN SEVERAL PLACES PROCLAIMING THAT "A BLOOD DEBT CAN ONLY BE PAID IN BLOOD." LILLEY